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Conference Report - National Security Agency,
Task Order 5

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1. A conference was held on 18 September 1957 at the National Security Agency to discuss the cryptographic equipment to be used with the High-Speed Sub-Base Communications equipment. Those present at the conference were:

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2. The [REDACTED] is to ship the Two AF-SAX-503 cryptographic devices used in the AS-4 development to NSA.

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3. The equipment discussed at this conference is known as the KG-3, cryptographic system. This is a miniaturized version of the KI-3 equipment but still using tubes. It is completely compatible with the KI-3. The KG-3 designation has been confused with the KI-4 nomenclature. The KI-4 is a field set cryptographic device and is not compatible with the KI-3 system.

4. The National Security Agency is obtaining two KG-3 systems only from their development program. Arrangements are being made to obtain one of these KG-3 systems on a loan basis for use with the High-Speed Sub-Base Station, AS-5 for enciphering and deciphering messages.

5. Development of a transistorized version of the KG-3 is planned by NSA. Efforts will be made to fund the purchase of such a system after its development. The development period is estimated at 12 months. The [REDACTED] is to produce the new system.

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6. It has been established that the AS-5 system will be used in simplex receive operation only, due to the antenna switching problem and the RG-3 equipment. The transmit or enciphering portion of the RG-3 consists of a transmit unit and an alarm unit. The receive or deciphering portion uses only one unit which incidentally is similar to the transmit unit. The transmit unit will use a keystream into which the signal or message will be injected. An operational check is made by the alarm unit with the transmit and receive units in the transmit position.

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